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# FORMATION OF AZERBAIJAN NATIONALISTS SOCIETY, VETERANS UNION

## Nationalists Society

The August 1952 issue of Azerbaijan, the monthly organ of the Azerbaijan National Union published in Munich, reprinted parts of the regulations of the Azerbaijan Milliyetçiler Derneği (Azerbaijan Nationalists Society) which has been established in Ankara, Turkey. According to Azerbaijan, the association will maintain its headquarters in Ankara and will have no branches. The association pledges itself not to indulge in political activity. The aims of the association, as outlined in its regulations, are the following:

1. To study the history, culture, and economy of Azerbaijan, and to publish its findings.
2. To keep alive Azerbaijani Turkish nationalism, which is based on fatherland, freedom, and holy national traditions, and to encourage conformance to Turkish morals, customs, and traditions.
3. To extend moral aid to Azerbaijani refugees, and to help them live as nationalistic individuals possessing the morals and virtues of Turkish society.
4. To assist as much as possible needy Azerbaijanis and Azerbaijani students who are unable to continue their education because of lack of funds.
5. To fight, by means of the press and other media, currents hostile to Azerbaijani Turkish nationalism.
6. To publish appropriate newspapers, magazines, books, and pamphlets, and to arrange meetings.

Azerbaijan listed the following as the founders of the association, all of whom are Turkish citizens:

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Veterans Union

The same issue of Azerbaijan also gave the proposed regulations for a contemplated organization to be known as the Azerbaijan Eski Muharipler Birliđi (Azerbaijani Veterans Union). The periodical did not specify where the organization was to be established, but the country is probably Turkey, since the proposed regulations conform completely to the form required by Turkish law. According to the proposed regulations, the members of the union will consist of regular, retired, resigned, disabled, and reserve officers and military officials and technicians who belonged to the land, sea, and air forces of the National Azerbaijan Republic, including the widows and orphans of the above. The proposed regulations also provide that persons extending material and moral aid to the union may be admitted as honorary members.

The aims and objectives of this union, as outlined in the proposed regulations, would be the following:

1. To remain loyal to the fight for Azerbaijani independence, and to promote this loyalty among veterans.
2. To be an example of patriotism in the fight for independence.
3. To keep alive in veterans the feelings and tales of national heroism and sacrifice, and to raise the fighting qualities of veterans.
4. To strengthen among veterans the feelings and ties of respect, solidarity, and unity.
5. To protect the rights and interests of veterans and of their widows and orphans.
6. To extend medical, social, cultural, and economic aid to members and to their widows and orphans.

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